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Subject: NATA Release

Attachments: NATA Data Facility checklist Final.edit.xlsx

SO -

HQ is planning on releasing its NATA Data report on Wednesday of this week. The issue this year is with ethylene oxide.

I'm attaching the latest checklist of facilities of concern from HQ for this chemical – you'll see we have two sites on this list – Union Carbide in WV and Braun (Medical) in Allentown. Croda in DE is also on the list for the chemical but not at levels HQ is focusing on. However, our APD is including Croda as one of our facilities the region should be focusing on.

The original date for this release was scheduled for a few weeks away; however, last Thursday, HQ announced to the states they were going to release the report this Wed. States were extremely upset and contacted the Adm and HQ with their concerns. We thought they may postpone the announcement but late Friday we learned from Cecil that HQ is moving forward with the Wednesday release.

HQ will not be doing a PR – nor will we. HQ is going to provide communications products – which we have been awaiting for weeks. They said this morning we most likely will not receive these until tomorrow. We are not sure if these products will be posted onto a website – but we are hoping they do so.

HQ OAR has scheduled a webinar for Wednesday for communities but we do not know who they reached out to...we are hoping to get this info today. APD has specifically asked for this information.

All of this to say – please stand by. Communications are in flux and we may know more tomorrow. At this point, we do not know if we should be making notifications or not, and if so, to whom. Until we know more, I want to ensure everyone is in the loop on this one.

Thanks.

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